CONTROLS A. & B. CO.

Litigation in New York Courts Discloses Lodge Interests of Marcellus Bridgeport Corporation.

War Boom Has Relieved Financial Strain of Plant, Big Arms Plants.

(Special to The Farmer.) American & British Manufacperts will be called upon to help derescued. turing Co. of Bridgeport has stock, has also become one of the largest stockholders of the American & British Co. became known yesterday through re-cords filed with the Supreme Court of New York.

The Bethlehem Steel Co., Mr. Dodge, Charles R. Flint, Allan A. Ryan and Chauncey N. Depew are recorded as the largest stockholders of the Bridgeport sress that administration officials act-

The profits from business stimulated by the war have enabled the American & British Co. to pay off a \$60,000 mortgage, add \$125,000 to the value of its real estate holdings and to increase its assets \$700,000 gate them. Both reports also found the shipping interests blameless of illegal activity in opposition to the measure. further became known.

Justice Ford directed Charles H. Ridder, receiver for the International Power Co., of which the Bridgeport of the American & British Co, for the re-election of the present officers of

the Park City concern.

The plant of the American & British
Co. is furnishing parts of guns and
shells to the Bethiehem Steel Co., the United States army and many muni-tion factories in this country and

About \$5,000,000 worth of stocks of the American & British Co. was pledgtional Power Co. for \$150,000. Since port factory has been operated night and day on war orders, and in the first few months of the war, the papers filed in court show the profits were so large that the company pros-

The owners of the pledged stock recently attempted to obtain a share of these profits by means of an action brought by the New Jersey receiver of the International Power Co., Ed-Sadler, of Trenton. The American & British Co. thereupon brought an action against the New York receiver to account, but Justice Whittaker de-nied the petition. The plaintiff then to "instruct the receiver in regard to certain stock transactions."

cierk's office, it is stated that efforts were being made to influence the International Power receivers to vote court room was used and well filled.

the business out of the hands of the At the outset C. J. Danaher for controlling members, and Justice Ford the respondents waived the reading was asked to direct Mr. Ridder to vote of the complaint and filed in writing the clerk's hands. to keep the present management in ing his formal appearance for the Metcontrol.

hundreds of thousands of shells for the Allies, and that at the present time it has in process of manufacture these orders:—100,000 3-inch brings a suit alleging damages of \$6,shrapnel case forgings for the United States army; 900,000 4.7 high explosive shells for the Bethlehem Steel Co., 250 breech mechanism for 3-inch guns for the Bethlehem Steel Co., be-sides breech rings for guns, lathes, automobile trucks and other materials

In his decision Justice Ford said:-"I can see no valid objection to the present management of the plaintiff organization. There are strong arguments why the existing board should be continued in control of its now flourishing business. The receiver, Charles H. Ridder, is instructed to vote the stock of the plaintiff cor-poration for the re-election of the present directors at the next meet-

Although Karl T. Frederick, of No. '49 Wall street, the attorney for the International Power receiver is connected with the firm which conducts the legal business for J. P. Morgan & has denied that he is acting the Allies in an effort to obtain control of the Bridgeport works. The attorney who represented the American and British company is George S. Graham, a representative in Control of the Allies in an effort to obtain control of the bill is in the form of an amendment to the munitions act. In appealing for the passages of the measure, David Lloyd George, ministructions. The bill is in the form of an amendment to the munitions act. In appealing for the passages of the measure, David Lloyd George, ministructions. in behalf of the munition agents of S. Graham, a representative in Con- ter of munitions, said: gress from Philadelphia, who has a law office at No. 42 Broadway.

SHERIFF WILL GIVE

County Sheriff Simeon Pease will give a dinner to his deputies Saturday munitions in Sunctent afternoon at the county jail. It has bring the campaign to an end this harbor and the officer in command is awaiting orders from Washington. been an annual custom for the county sheriff to act as host to his deputies informal speeches and a group picture of the guests will be taken.

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON AWAITS FURTHER DETAILS ON SINKING OF "PERSIA"

Washington, Jan. 5-President Wilson conferred with Secretary Lansing for an hour today over the submarine crisis. No additional facts, beyond the definite knowledge that only two MISTRIAL DECLARED Americans were aboard the liner Persia, had been received by Hartley Dodge in Another the state department over night from either Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, Ambassador Gerard at Berlin or American Consul agents along the shores of the Mediterranean.

been received, however, was carefully vice on how the liner's one gun might reviewed by both the President and have been used. Which Now is Directed By Mr. Lansing. There still was every indicate to indicate whether the gun was mounted taken pending the receipt of fuller adsia was changed from an unarmed established that only one American liner to that of a vessel which might is among the missing passengers. New York, Jan. 5-That the the fact that she mounted one gun, is American consul at Aden. Charles H.

Such information as had already | termine. They will be asked for ad-

vices. Whether the status of the Per- Official despatches received today echnically be classified as armed by Robert N. McNeely, newly appointed

been made a part of the great Remington interests and that Marcellus Hartley Dodge, who Marcellus Hartley Dodge, who PRESIDENT IS DENOUNCED IN SENATE PROBE REPORT

Washington, Jan. 5-Charges circulated during the last session of Con-Senate committee appointed to investi-

The majority denounced Theodore Roosevelt for failing to appear before his published assertion that President Wilson and Secretary Bryan "had enplant is a subsidiary, to vote the stock deavored in the interest of certain foreign business firms to secure the

"The writer," added the report, "whose eminence was naturally calculated to give weight to his utterance, finding himself without any ed in the interest of foreign business even of a hearsay character, for his firms in urging the passage of the slanderous attack upon the highest government ship purchase bill were officer of his government, simply reheld to be baseless in majority and sorted to a palpable sophistry to es-minority reports filed today by the cape the responsibility for the asser-

dence to indicate that the President or Secretary Bryan harbored any purpose to bay interned ships the ma-jority held that it was not difficult to conceive of reasons consistent with the committee to testify concerning the most exalted motives that might induce the declaration that the belligerents' ships would not be bought. "Such an action," said the report, "would rightly be construed as an foreign business firms to secure the United States the power to purchase the interned ships of one of the belligerents."

The charge, the report said, had its origin in "that ungenerous trait of the human mind which makes it prone to promote unworthy motives to redoubtable rivals and particularly populations."

"would rightly be construed as an abundance of our right, which our nation has vigorously maintained to acquire merchant ships by bona fide purchase, though a state of war exists involving the nation under whose finds they previously sailed."

Senator Sutherland signed the minority report for himself and Senator was fatally injured by Wallace's automatically injured by talking about the case with a person outside the jury during the progress of the trial. Judge Gager was not disposed to censure Jurge Gager was not disposed to censure Jurge Wassels but said he must declare a mistrial.

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SHOPS AND LEADERS OF UNION FACE COMPANY'S DAMAGE SUIT

New Haven, Jan. 5-The petition of of Hartford. he International Silver Company for After er to account, but Justice Whittaker de-nied the petition. The plaintiff then began an action before Justice Ford to "instruct the receiver in regard to In these papers, filed in the county of them under subpoena, and as a

eral Union which is made up of wom-

After entering his appearance, an injunction against former employes which he explained to the court was who are now on strike restraining to protect the rights of all those them from alleged interference with named in the complaint, Mr. Danaher committee room assigned for the mat-ter was not large enough, a superior

> However, he said that Mr. Danaher could file his papers with the record

Mr. al Workers, Buffers, Polishers, Platers, amend the compfaint as some names John McPadden, Jr., and John McBrass and Silver Workers Internation in it were not complete and some of Padden, St., Dennis Kehoe, John might upset the business, the affida-vits recite that the company, is ne-the confederation of labor, the Fed-with notice.

Here not complete and some of Padden, Sr., Dennis Kehoe, John those named had not yet been served Glennon, John McGirr, Daniel Poland, with notice.

the metal polishers' union, was called. John Dwyer, Patrick Corrigan, Pat-The petitioners were represented by edge of these proceedings he had was (Continued on Page 7.)

Ralph O. Wells and Roger H. Davis,

MUNITIONS KEY TIDE UNUSUALLY TO VICTORY OF HIGH, SUBMARINE BRITISH ARMS G-3 IS LAUNCHED

Speech, Reminds Workingmen of Their Duty

der more difficult the task of turning out munitions—a task more serious than I dare tell. Everything de-HIS DEPUTIES DINNER pends upon it. The length of the the submersible. The launching was war depends upon it. Everything made easy by an unusually high tide depends upon whether we turn out that prevailed at the time.

The G-3 now lies in the Bridgepert give a dinner to his deputies Saturday munitions in sufficient quantities to

That does not depend upon the and this year the event will be more soldiers who have done their task elaborate than usual. There will be heroically. It depends entirely upon -I say it in all solemnity-the workmen of this country doing what the workmen of France have done; frankly, setting aside conditions throwing themselves into the work and sticking to their workshops. Un-Rain tonight: Thursday rain or less they do that I cannot tell what Hartford from Wallingford. He was torney Branford served notice at once of intention to appeal.

Lloyd George, In Solemn Leaves Ways at Lake Co.'s Yards in Tow of Tug Robert McAllister.

The submarine G-3 was launched London, Jan. 5—The House of The submarine G-3 was launched Commons today passed a bill designed to facilitate the output of muniparts of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. shipped to facilitate the output of muniparts of the submarine G-3 was launched to commons today passed a bill design at the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. shipped to facilitate the output of muniparts of the submarine G-3 was launched to commons today passed a bill design at the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. shipped to facilitate the output of muniparts of the submarine G-3 was launched to commons today passed a bill design at the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. shipped to facilitate the output of muniparts of the submarine G-3 was launched by the submarine G-3 was launched by

in command of the ship, was in charge 1969. "I hope the commons will not ren- of the launching. Officials of the

VETERAN KILLED BY GAS

Hartford, Jan. 5 .. -- Edward O'Rellly, 78, was found dead in his room at No.

JUROR'S LETTER CAUSES ABRUPT

Suit Against Manufacturer For \$10,000 Must Be Heard Anew.

AND COURT ADJOURNS

Greenwich Unwittingly Violated Juror's Oath.

The writing of a letter by a juror to lawyer in the case resulted in Judge trial in the \$10,000 action brought by Benjamin Feinman, administrator, against Casper D. Wallace of this city. The juror, William H. Wessels of Greenwich, violated his oath in writing the note and Judge Gager ruled that there was nothing else to do but discharge the jury and order a new for trial it was necessary to adjourn court until next Tuesday.

On the jury which was chosen yesterday to hear the evidence were former Director of Public Works John H. dare to try them in the courts of New Colgan and Isaac P. Turney of this England. city. Juror Wessels learned after the "And I say that the men who would trial was almost over that these two men were Bridgeport residents. The has been done here, against the fair

own city. Beers should know this. Judge Beers Haven." was aware that Colgan and Turney While the committee found no evilive in this city. The mere fact that they are Bridgeporters would not disquality them from acting in a local trial.

Nevertheless Judge Beers felt it his duty to inform Judge Gager that he had received the note from Juror Wes-The court remarked that the turor had made an innocent mistake by writing the note. He had un-wittingly violated his oath by talking

ministration for his son Samuel who was fatally injured by Wallace's automobile in Congress street in April,

Mr. Wallace, who lives at 178 Arctic street, has been connected in an executive capacity with the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. He was for many years superintendent of the Yost Typewriter works in the West End. He has several times occupied positions of national prominence in the Grand Army of the Republic.

TWENTY PER CENT OF POLICE FORCE

Nearly 20 per cent, of the local po lice force are absent from duty today, the larger proportion of the absentees being on the sick list. Spencer R. Gordon, head of the charities department, also is severely ill at his home, with the grip.

clerk's hands.

Wells asked permission to Sergeant Peter Hall, Charles Lush, Simon McCullough, Michael Quilty, rick Sheehs and John Kelly. Others granted absence for various personal reasons are Patrick Boland, Andrew Mrazik, John Fox, John Smallwood and J. J. Lavin.

Widow Appeals When Court Denies Share In Husband's Estate

was denied her rightful share, Mae chairman of the Connecticut Butler, of Minneapolis, Minn., filed a ens' Suffrage association, of Hartredistribution of the estate. Judge
Mrs. Grace Duffiels Goodwin, of the
Miller today denied the petition on
Anti-Suffrage association, Hartford, kind of cierical employment. No doubt. the ground that every legal requirement had been complied with and the only heir at law to make claim for the estate was Luch Washington, mother of Mr. Butler. She lives at Roxbury,

All the parties in interest are colored people and Mrs. Butler was represented by a colored lawyer, George Branford, of New Haven, Mrs. Butler, death does not appear in the papers ages for the property, which it

ited as sole heir at law.

RAILROAD TRIAL ENDING OF TRIAL HAS BEEN UNFAIR

Counsel For Directors of New Haven Declares New England Repudiates Case

WOULD PROTECT NAME OF OUR GOVERNORS

William H. Wessels of Says Government didn't Dare Try Case in Any of New England States.

New York, Jan. 5.-Charles F. Choate, of Boston, told the jury today Gager this morning declaring a mis- while summing up the case for the defense at the trial of the 11 former directors of the New Haven road on charges of violating the Sherman law. that the people of New England were opposed to the prosecution and had repudiated it.

"New England repudiates this pros-ecution," he asserted. "They will have As no other cases were ready none of it. The government put these men on trial where they were not You probably heard of none of them before they were brought into this court. The government did not

automobile accident, which was the name of Governor Draper-well, I cause of the present suit, happened in daren't tell you what would happen to this city and Wessels had an idea that him. And the man who would say furor was disqualified from acting in that Robert Winsor is not an honest a case which concerned an affair in his man would receive the contempt he justly deserves."

He therefore wrote a note to Judge
A. B. Beers, counsel for Wallace, in ment, with all its experts and its sewhich he stated that, although Judge cret service had not been able "to Beers night not be aware of the fact, produce one witness from New Engthere were two Bridgeporters on the land who would testify to a single act Wessels said he thought Judge of oppression on the part of the New

The lawyer dwelt at length upon the improvements in service which the New Haven had furnished to New England, citing in particular the ter-minals at Boston.

Speaking of the New Haven's fights with rival steamboat lines, Mr. Choate "Are you to sit defenseless and let

others take your property from you?" "What is the logical outcome of competition? There is a weaker and stronger. And the govenment says about the case with a person outside the jury during the progress of the trial. Judge Gager was not disposed to censure Juror Wessels but said he must declare a mistrial.

Suffragists and "Antis" Must Be Ladies When They Battle Tonight

Special precautions have been tak-UNABLE TO WORK en to keep the big suffrage battle scheduled for tonight within the bounds of logical argument. The committee in charge of the affair have issued instructions to Referee Ernest Philosophical society, that in the open proposed to the chairman. This meth-

Another feature of the affair which is open to all women interested in either cause is a newly formed women's orchestra. Under the leadership Van York, Miss Carrie Whitney, Miss Elizabeth Speicer and Miss Margaret dead only a short time. Casey will combine to offer orchestral selections. Miss Vida Stearns geant Sanger at the Third precinct

Noble Estate Heirs Claim More Damages

Henrietta M. Noble and Fanny S. Dupuy, heirs of the John F. Noble es-Branford, of New Haven. Mrs. Butler, who was Mae J. Seames, presented evidence that she was married to Butler in Minneapolis on Dec. 15 Butler in Minneapolis on Dec. 15, damages in connection with the wid-1909. He afterward left her and ening of Stratford avenue. The Noble came to Bridgeport, where he died in 1913. Whether the couple saw each other or communicated with each other from the time Butler left until his part were awarded \$3217 in dam, er from the time Butler left until his at the probate court.

Henry E. Bishop was the administrator of the estate which consisted of \$500 equity in a piece of real estator of the estate which consisted of \$500 equity in a piece of real estatorney Samuel C. Shaw appeared at tate and \$508.63 in cash in banks.

After Mr. Butler's bills, the cost of settlement of the estate, funeral expenses, etc., had been paid, there was left \$154.61, which his mother inher-

Dutch minister of war, has resigned. | company is therefore not liable.

CHOATE ASSERTS COMPULSORY SERVICE BILL IS PRESENTED BRITISH PARLIA

Many Members Get Permission to Return From Battle Front to Vote On Measure-Earl of Derby, Who Conducted Campaign for Recruits, in Gallery-Tells of Handicaps Met With In His Work.

London, Jan. 5-The bill providing for compulsory military service was introduced in the House of Commons today by Premier Asquith.

The largest assemblage of members since the war began faced the Premier. Many members had obtained leave to return from the front so that they might be able to vote on the compulsion bill.

The Earl of Derby, who conducted the recruiting campaign, was in the peers' gallery.

Under the terms of the bill all males between the ages of 18 and 41 who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent on them are liable for military service.

Ireland is excluded from the terms of the measure.

Loos Battle Cost British

alties in the battle of Loos, France, last September, totalled 2,378 officers and 57,288 men, according to an announcement made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary for war.

Berlin, Jan. 5-Fighting with artillery and mines at several points on the Franco-Belgian front is reported in the war office statement of today.

London, Jan. 5-The sinking of the White Star liner Arabic, the destruction of a British submarine by a German destroyer on the Dunish and the submarine attack on the British steamer Ruel are the three incidents that Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, suggests for sub-mission to some impartial tribunal for investigation together with the case

IN BIG DEBATE IN MANUELLE PULLS TRIGGER

Unknown Man Found With Head Shattered in West End Circus Lot.

An unknown man, evidently a pros-Betger, appointed by the Bridgeport perous foreigner, was found dead today in the circus lot at Fairfield ave- quacy of the separation allowances. debate only, written questions may be nue and Auburn street of a pistol This applies especially to professional. proposed to the chairman. This meth-od has been taken in order to assure that possesses and it is a solution of the body it would ap-

street, who was crossing the lot. From the appearance of the corpse Young Magra at once notified Ser-

station. Sergeant O'Connell and a powill be heard in vocal solos. | station. Sergeant O'Connell and a po-Another novel feature that has been liceman went to the scene and the ordered is the taking of secret ballots body was taken to Cullinan & Mullins' both before and after the debate to morgue. The man was well built, of see what effect the speaking has up- about five feet five inches in height on the audience present and whether suffrage gains by the argument.

and weighed in the neighborhood of should join while other young men hold back and secure lucrative employment at home. Apart from the

> congress gaiters. From the condition of the man's

money was found on his person. Medical Examiner Garlick took charge of the revolver and some letters written in Hungarian, which were try as a whole is determined to sup-

HE LIGHTED A BOMB, INSURANCE HELD UP, ADMINISTRATOR SUES

Hartford, Jan. 5-President Morgan G. Bulkeley, of the Aetna Life Insur-ance Co., as administrator of the estate of Oscar Johnson, his late gar-dener, has brought a suit for \$800 was impossible in many cases to have suit has been returned to the superior men who will be rejected when the court in this city. Johnson had a pol- various groups are called up and subicy with the company. It is the contention that Johnson was told to cart very large; the number of men acaway some bombs which were on the Bulkeley premises at Fenwick but he tsarred, being 925,455." day night acceted the report of the Since she received the money nearly board of appraisal of benefits and that it exploded and blew off must be reduced as the sole support of two years ago and after every legal damages on the awards made each requirement had been complied with, property owner.

part of the chin, producing a fatal dependent relatives. He says wound. The company takes the are 651,160 unstarred single me wound. The company takes the are 651,180 unstarred single men up-ground that Johnson voluntarily ex-Major-General Nicholas Bosboom, posed himself to danger and that the

The House of Commons reassembled today in an anxious mood, uncertain as to how far the injection of compulsion into the British military system might have broken or weakened the cabinet. This point presumably was settled definitely at the cabinet which sat prior to the opening of parliament and adopted in its final form the com-

The only absentee from the cabinet meeting today was Sir John Simon, home secretary, who has resigned. As Reginald McKenna, chancellor of he exchequer, was present and answered as usual, the members con-cluded there had been no further with-

drawals from the cabinet.

LORD DERBY TELLS OF HANDICAPS TO RECRUITING PLANS

London, Jan. 5 .- The operating of he government's plan was handicapped and delayed by the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient number of medical examiners and experienced clerks, says Lord Derby today in a eport answering criticism of inade quate arrangements during the abnormal flow of recruits at the eleventh hour. Hence wh'le gross numbers are available up to the end of the period. Dec. 11, details of groups are forthcoming only up to Nov. 30 before the

tremendous rush began. In the latter days of the canvass, says Lord Derby, especially in country districts, the starred lists proved unsatisfactory and recruits were incor-rectly described. This will call for

further investigation. Lord Derby declares the canvass shows that it is not lack of courage which keeps men from enlisting. Many who are willing to go find them barred by domestic, financial and business obligation and by the inade-

From and commercial men. aent, also is severely ill at his home, od has been taken in order to assure that personalities and irrelevancies are that personalities and irrelevancies may be avoided in the heated arguments between suffragists and "anwith colds and grip are: Detective with one of the shells shot revolver with one of the shells report at 1,046,493. After deductions The body was found at 1:10 this from the total number of attested man able for military service are 343,386

Adding those who enlisted for immediate service gives a total ready to bear arms of 446,386 single and 600,16%

married.
"An obstacle to recruiting," says the report, "has been the unequal treatlations, especially, cannot understand why their sons, husbands or brothers the argument.

The affair will be held in Knights and mustache.

He wore a brown mixed cap, light number of men who have actually en-Claiming that she received no notice of her husband's death or of the probating of his estate, and therefore many depict her rightful share. Man men who make this answer as an excuse. But that it is genuine in very petition in the probate court for a ford. The negative will be led by hands and his body it is believed he large number of cases is accentuated

"The canvass shows very distinctly Than Allowed Them

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Tould in his pockets. The police at port the made at the Guild Hall on November of the West End who could identify the man.

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Tould in his pockets. The police at port the made at the Guild Hall on November of Married men) as it was when the pledge was made. There is an abundance of determination to see the war through to a successful

conclusion." This report was made on Dec. 12. In a supplementary report made on Dec. 20, the Earl of Derby says:

"Large as are the figures, I am afraid that on analysis do not prove as satisfactory as I could have wished. Owing to the great rush of recruits It damages against the Brotherhood Ac- more than the most perfunctory medcident Insurance Co. of Boston. The ical examination, and the number of

"This is far from being a pegligible quantity," the report continues.